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SUBJ: REVIEW OF BEIRUT WEEKLY PRESS

1. FOL SUMMARIZES ARTICLES APPEARING IN WEEKLY BEIRUT PRESS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO DEPT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS. ARABIC TEXTS AVAIL ON REQUEST.
2. LEFTIST, PRO- ALGERIAN AL BALAGH (MAR 26) REPORTED TWO BOMBS FOUND AT US INSTALLATIONS IN CASABLANCA NOT PREPARATION FOR ORDINARY PROTEST BUT ANNOUNCEMENT OF " NEW POLITICAL- MILITARY MOVEMENT." BOMBS INTENDED TO DRAW CITY ATTENTION TO " SECOND ARMED STRUGGLE MOVEMENT" IN TRADITION OF " MOROCCAN LIBERATION ARMY" WHICH PREVIOUSLY OPPOSED FRENCH. NEW MOVEMENT' S GOALS ARE SOCIAL CHANGE AND REPUBLICAN GOVT.

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3. COMMUNIST, PRO- MOSCOW AL AKHBAR (MAR 24) DENOUNCED KUWAIT FOR OPENING FIRE AND INITIATING CURRENT HOSTILITIES AGAINST IRAQ. DISPUTE LINKED TO IRANIAN, SAUDI AND IMPERIALIST PLOTS TO PROTEST OIL MONOPOLIES AND THWART POPULAR ARAB ASPIRATIONS, WHICH BEING FULFILLED BY IRAQ. PRO- PRC AD DUSTOUR (MAR 26) ALSO SUPPORTED IRAQ , INTERPRETING CLASH AS " WARNING" OF GULF STRUGGLE AIMED AT ELIMINATING IRAQI THREAT TO IRANIAN AMBITIONS. ARTICLE SUGGESTED SCENARIO, HANDIWORK OF US AMBASSADOR HELMS AND SHAH, CALLED FOR KUWAITI PROVOCATION OF INCIDENT SUPPORTED BY IRANIAN MILITARY FORCE IF SITUATION REQUIRED. AD DUSTOUR CRITICAL GOL APPARENT SUPPORT OF KUWAIT, WARNED OF EVEN FURTHER DETERIORATION OF IRAQI- LEBANESE RELATIONS.

4. AL AKHBAR INTERPRETED RESULTS OF PRIMIN MEIR VISIT TO US AS PROOF ISRAEL " INDISPENSIBLE TOOL" OF US IMPERIALISM. NOW ALL HOPE FOR CHANGED AMERICAN POSITION HAS DISAPPEARED, AND CLEAR REVELATION OF " ORGANIC LINK" BETWEEN US IMPERIALISM AND ISRAEL SHOULD BEING UNIFICATION OF ALL REVOLUTIONARY FORCES.

5. IN SHARP ATTACK ON GOL, AL AKHBAR CLAIMS PRIMIN SALAM' S OPPRESSION AND CORRUPTION HAS UNITED NEARLY ALL POLITICAL AND SOCIO- ECONOMIC GROUPINGS AGAINST REGIME. PSP LEADER JUMBLATT' S RECENT STATEMENTS ACCURATELY PORTRAY OOL ILLS. REGIME CAN BE OUSTED THROUGH LURING BOURGEOISIE ELEMENTS INTO OPPOSITION WITH " SPECIAL PROGRAMS" ALLOWING THEM TO SUPPORT " POPULAR MOVEMENT" WITHOUT ABANDONING CLASS COMMITMENTS.

6. LENGTHY AS SAYYAD (MAR 25) INTERVIEW WITH SYRIAN PRIMIN AYYUBI TO FOLLOW IN AIRGRAM. SIGNIFICANTLY, AYYUBI TAKES MODERATE PRO- KUWAITI LINE. HE SAYS " I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANTI- IRAQ ACTIVITY IN KUWAIT. THE BASIC DISPUTE IS OVER PIECE OF LAND HAVING OIL." HE ADDS THAT IRAQ DOES NOT NEED ISLANDS FACING IRANIAN COAST FOR SECURITY PURPOSES.
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